

IN THE DRAWINGS

The attached sheets of drawings include changes to Figs. 1-10. These sheets, which include Figs. 1-10, replace the original sheets including Figs. 1-10.

Attachment: Five Replacement Sheets

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application in view of the above amendment and following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-10 are pending. Claims 6-9 are withdrawn. In the present amendment, Claims 1-9 are amended; and new Claim 10 is added herewith. Support for the present amendment can be found in the original specification, for example, in original Claims 1 and 5. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that no new matter is added.

In the outstanding Office Action, the specification was objected to; the drawings were objected to; Claims 1-5 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph; Claims 1-4 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by Duncan (U.S. Patent No. 3,247,349); and Claim 5 was indicated as including allowable subject matter. Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter in Claim 5.

First, Applicants wish to thank Examiner Luong for the courtesy of an interview granted to Applicants' representative on June 28, 2010, at which time the outstanding issues in this case were discussed. Arguments and proposed claim amendments similar to the ones developed hereinafter were presented and Examiner Luong indicated that in light of the arguments and proposed amendments, he would reconsider the outstanding grounds for rejection upon formal submission of a response. The present response constitutes Applicants' statement of substance of the personal interview.

With respect to the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, the claims are amended to correct the informalities noted in the Office Action. In view of amended Claims 1-9, it is believed that all pending claims are definite and no further rejections on that basis are anticipated. However, if the Examiner disagrees, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned who will be happy to work with the Examiner in a joint effort to derive mutually acceptable language.

With respect to the objection to the specification, the present amendment amends the Abstract as requested on page 2 of the Office Action, and amends the specification to add section headings as requested on pages 3-4 of the Office Action. Further, with respect to the claimed “bearing face of the body,” it is noted that the original specification at page 9, lines 3-9 describes a shoulder 54 of the driving part 50 bearing on the lower rim of the sleeve 13 of the body 10. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the claimed “bearing face of the body” is designated in an example embodiment by reference numeral 13. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the objection to the specification be withdrawn.

With respect to the objection to the drawings, the Office Action asserts that the claimed “bearing face of the body” should be designated by a reference character. However, as discussed above, the claimed “bearing face of the body” is designated in an example embodiment by reference numeral 13. Further, replacement drawings are provided to address the issues noted in Form PTO-948 included in the Office Action. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the objection to the drawings be withdrawn.

Turning now to the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b), Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this rejection and traverse this rejection, as discussed below.

Claim 1 is amended *exactly in accordance* with the discussion during the interview and recites, in part, “a driving part housed in the body and provided with cam surfaces on a circumference thereof” and “at least one axially moving slider disposed around the cam surfaces of the driving part.” It is respectfully submitted that the cited reference does not disclose or suggest every feature recited in amended Claim 1.

Specifically, Duncan describes an operating mechanism for a limit switch using ball and cam means. The switch includes a cam rotatable by movement of an actuator. A clamp 9 is fastened to the upper end of a shaft 8 and holds a radially extending actuating rod 10. An end of the shaft 8 is inserted through an aperture formed in a cam plate 27 (asserted in the

Office Action as corresponding to the claimed driving part). However, as shown in Figs. 4 and 5 of Duncan, the cam plate 27 does not include “at least one axially moving slider disposed around the cam surfaces” of the cam plate 27, as recited in amended Claim 1. Instead, the cam plate 27 merely includes conical depressions 32-34 which cooperate with balls 35-37, respectively. As discussed in Applicants’ specification with respect to an example embodiment of the invention, the claimed sliders move in a direction parallel to the X axis to become applied on push rods that are part of the blocks C. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the rejection of Claim 1, and all claims dependent thereon, as anticipated by Duncan, be withdrawn.

New Claim 10 is added by the present amendment. Support for new Claim 10 can be found in the original specification, for example, in original Claims 1 and 5. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that no new matter is added. New Claim 10 includes the features of independent Claim 1 and allowable Claim 5. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that new Claim 10 be allowed.

Consequently, in view of the present amendment, no further issues are believed to be outstanding in the present application, and the present application is believed to be in condition for formal allowance. A Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner deem that any further action is necessary to place this application in even better form for allowance, the Examiner is encouraged to contact Applicant's undersigned representative at the below listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,

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